



# Department of Finance Budget Information System Project Kick-Off

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# Opening Remarks

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Department of Finance

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# BIS Project Overview

Randy Baker, Project Director  
Department of Finance

# Statewide Budget Applications

- Finance's budget systems are more than 25 years old
- To the best of our knowledge, no automated budget systems are currently being used by state agencies.
- While a few departments have enterprise systems in use, none currently use the budget component.
- No electronic interfaces between Finance and other departments currently exist.
- Departments expect Finance to take the lead on delivering a budget application for their use.

## Challenges with Current Process

- Department data is not at the level required by Finance.
- The majority of budget information is sent to Finance on hardcopy formats.
- While the eBudget improved processing of budget documents there is still work to be done.
- Budget data is duplicated at departments and Finance.
- Department budget processes differ from Finance budget processes.
- Budget information does not interface with CALSTARS.
- Funding constraints or parameters based on statute, legislative intent, or agreement are not tracked by Department of Finance systems.

# The What and Why of the BIS Project?

- A collaborative statewide effort that will result in a new system that will replace existing legacy financial systems and significantly improve California's budget development and administration processes.
  - Existing systems do not fully meet business needs and are reaching obsolescence (25 – 30 years old).
  - Now is the time to rethink business systems and processes.
  - There are significant benefits of an enterprise wide system (ERP).



## BIS Project Benefits

- Increase transparency to provide a better basis for decision making.
- Streamline government operations by giving managers, end-users, and stakeholders easy access to timely and accurate information.
- Eliminate redundant systems and processes by integrating financial data into a single repository.
- Increase fiscal accountability and control at all levels of an organization, including statewide.
- Utilize best practices for handling and processing data.
- Standardize and modernize technology which will reduce the wide variety of programming languages, tools, databases, etc. used in the state.
- Real time comparison of budgeted to actual expenditures.

# Benefit Realization

- Select a proven commercial-off-the-shelf product that supports financial management (including budgeting and accounting).
- Take advantage of future technologies that are adaptable.
- Uniform and streamlined processes that use:
  - Electronic workflow
  - Automated audits and edits
  - Centralized rule administration
- Minimize operational costs and maximize efficiency
  - Improved business practices
  - Expand best practices statewide
  - Streamline data collection
  - Collect data as close to the source as practical
- Reduce need for independent departmental systems

# What is an ERP System?

**Enterprise:** The core functionality consists of software applications that have an organization-wide impact. An *enterprise* in the public sector can be defined as either an entire state or an individual department.

**Resource:** These applications concern the management of both financial and non-financial resources.

**Planning:** The system focuses on improving strategic (i.e., future-oriented) decision making for the organization as a whole.

- Integrates all major business functions into one application—accounting, budgeting, procurement, human resources, etc.
- ERPs began appearing in government applications five to seven years ago.
- Major changes have been made to the software to accommodate the public sector.

# Guiding Principles

- Track and record issues and justification throughout the budget cycle.
- Ability to have multiple versions of a budget year open simultaneously.
- Ensure that data entry is efficient and intuitive by allowing information to be electronically submitted, validated, and reported at the earliest possible point in the process.
- Maintain appropriate levels of security and transaction integrity.
- Encourage uniformity and standardization to reduce training costs, allow data sharing to ensure data consistency.
- Maintain a repository of easily accessible historical financials information.

## Project Status – What has occurred

- Established core project team
- Identified objective
- Completed high-level project plans
- Conducted market research
- Business process reengineering effort
- Conducted departmental interviews/surveys
  - High-level requirements identification
  - Chart of accounts survey

## Department Interviews

- Conducted interviews with 21 departments in the Fall 2004 to determine needs/expectations for a statewide budget system.
- Enthusiastic with the concept of the proposed BIS Project – wondered when it would be available for their use.
- Indicated a complete financial system, including accounting, procurement and contract model/functions would be of optimal value.
- Expressed desire for coordination between Finance and SCO to lessen or eliminate duplication of forms and processes.

## Department Interviews (cont)

- Questioned if the BIS was a response to the recommendation of the California Performance Review (CPR) effort.
- Concerned about the costs to implement being passed on to departments.
- Expressed frustration with the lack of linkage of existing systems and spreadsheets in use.
- Thought the proposed system would save time and resources and would be of benefit to departments for internal management purposes.

## Chart of Accounts Survey

- Conducted a survey of departments in October 2005
- Approximately 43.5 percent of the departments surveyed provided a response – variety of department sizes, complexity, and business needs.
- Recognizing the concerns raised, the first efforts for the BIS Project focuses on the chart of accounts.
- Survey information will be the basis for the initial work sessions related to the chart of accounts.
- Improve and expand various definitions within the current chart of accounts.
- Current systems do not meet budget preparation and monitoring needs.



## Project Status – What has occurred (cont)

- FSR approved by Administration
- Selected vendor for chart of accounts analysis and requirements definition/RFP preparation
- Established procurement milestones
- Released project website
- Identified a project governance structure

# Project Status – What is planned

## ACTIVITY:

- Chart of Accounts (COA) Analysis/Strategy
- Develop/Release RFP
- Proposal Evaluations
- System configuration and testing
- Phase 1 Implementation

## DATE:

Spring/Summer 2006  
Summer/Fall 2006  
Spring 2007 – 2008  
Spring/Summer 2008  
Summer 2009

## PARTICIPANTS

Finance and department subject matter experts (SMEs) will participate in nearly all the activities identified above. Agency secretaries, senior managers, and DGS will also participate in key review activities.

## What are the biggest challenges?

- The size, scope and complexity of a statewide implementation will require a significant level of resources and time supported by unwavering sponsorship and commitment.
- All stakeholders must fully **embrace** and support the BIS Project.
- Project leadership must stay focused on reaching the long-term business goals and timelines.
- A comprehensive change **management** leadership, education, and training program will be required.
- Success is only possible if the “best and brightest” staff are assigned to the implementation team.

# Project Stakeholders – Who are they?

- State departments and agencies
- Legislature
- Legislative Analyst's Office
- State Control/Service Agencies
  - State Controller's Office (including 21<sup>st</sup> Century Project)
  - State Treasurer's Office
  - Department of General Services
  - Department of Personnel Administration
  - State Personnel Board
  - Department of Technology Services
- Legislative Counsel Bureau
- Vendors
- The Public

# Project Oversight - Participants

## ■ Executive Leadership Council

- Department of Finance Executives
- State Chief Information Officer
- State Controller's Office Executives
- Agency Secretaries – selected agencies
- DPA, SPB, and DTS Directors

## ■ Enterprise Process Advisory Committee

- Various department executive or administrative staff responsible for the main business functionality of fiscal administrative systems

## ■ Budget Practices Council

- Program Budget Managers
- Finance Chief Information Officer
- CALSTARS/FSCU Chief

## ■ Independent Oversight and Verification Consultant

## ■ Procurement Oversight Committee

- BIS Project Director
- DGS Procurement Executives
- DGS Office of Legal Services
- DGS Procurement Consultant

# Project Oversight - Roles

## ■ Executive Leadership Council

- Provide statewide leadership, guidance, and support for the Finance BIS Project and advice regarding consistency with statewide direction.
- Communicate the vision and work to reduce barriers and mitigate risk.
- Allocate departmental and agency resources.
- Provide issue resolution across agencies for issues that have statewide impact.

## ■ Enterprise Process Advisory Committee

- Support business process reengineering, continuous process improvement, and process standardization.
- Provide a forum for sharing information among various enterprise efforts.
- Support a clear and coherent strategy for an orderly and coordinated approach to future system implementations.

# Project Oversight – Roles (cont)

## ■ Budget Practices Council

- Provide guidance to the project as stewards of the State's budget process.
- Own and promote the vision for the BIS Project.
- Responsible for communicating project strategy, benefits, direction, status, and recommendations to stakeholders, public, legislature, and the Executive Leadership Council.

## ■ Independent Oversight and Verification Consultant

- Help detect risks and variations that occur during the project.
- Recommend corrective action.

## ■ Procurement Oversight Committee

- Identify and reduce procurement barriers to ensure a fair and competitive procurement processes that provides the best value to the state.



# Introduction of Project Team

- DOF Team
- Informatix Team
- Gartner Team

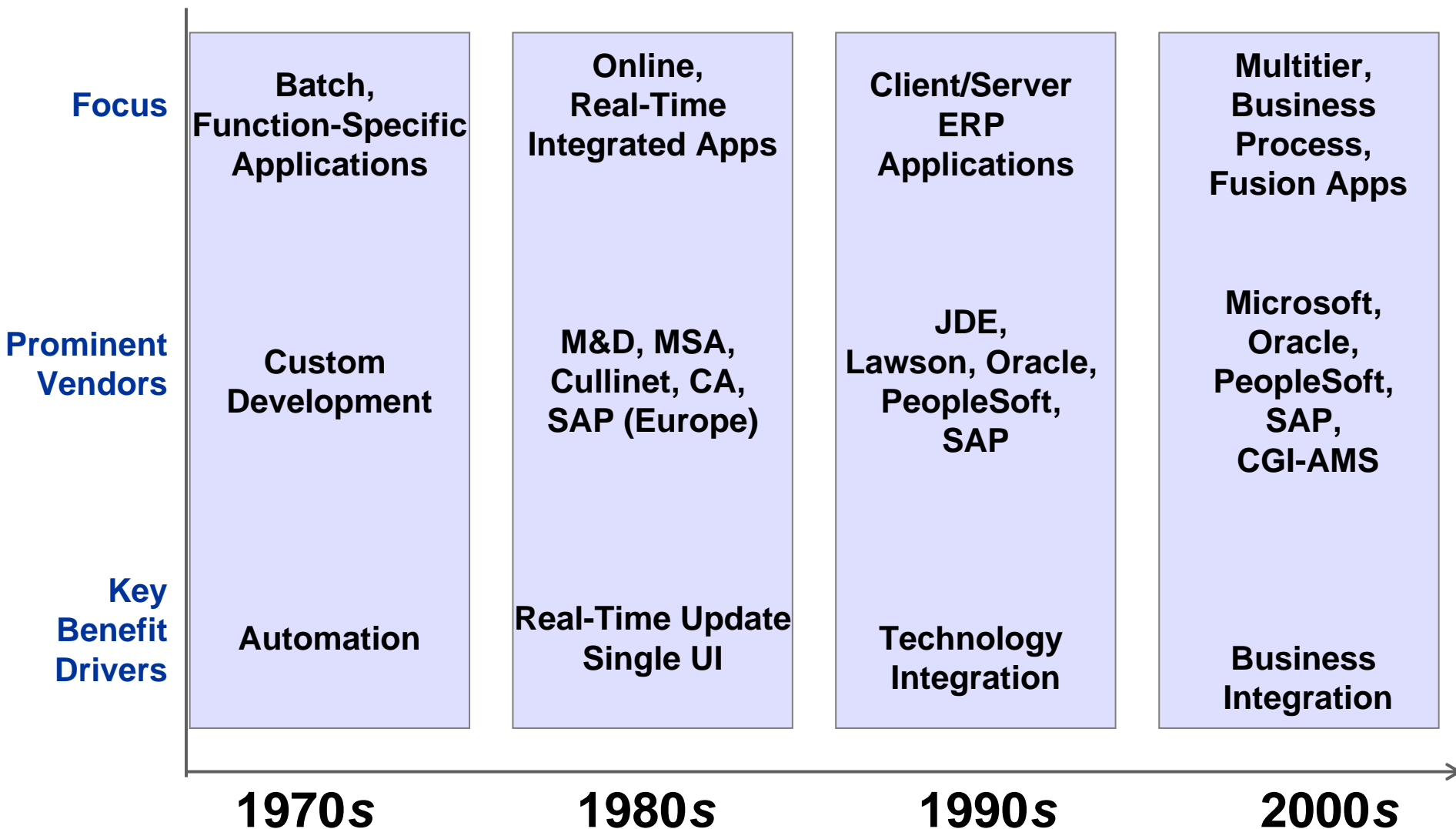




# Introduction to ERPs – The What, Why, and How

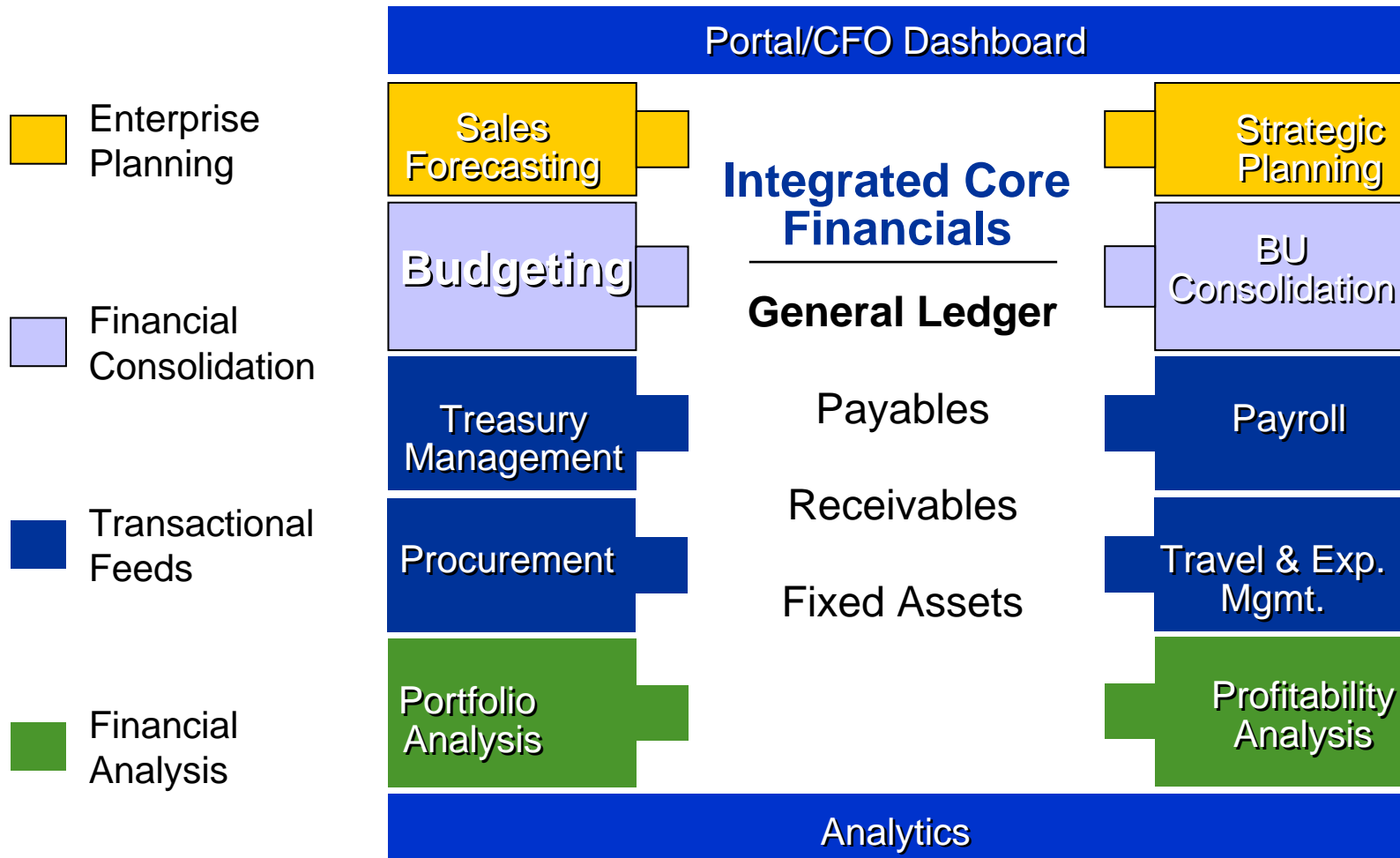
Phil Ferguson, Gartner Team

# Evolution of Back-Office Applications



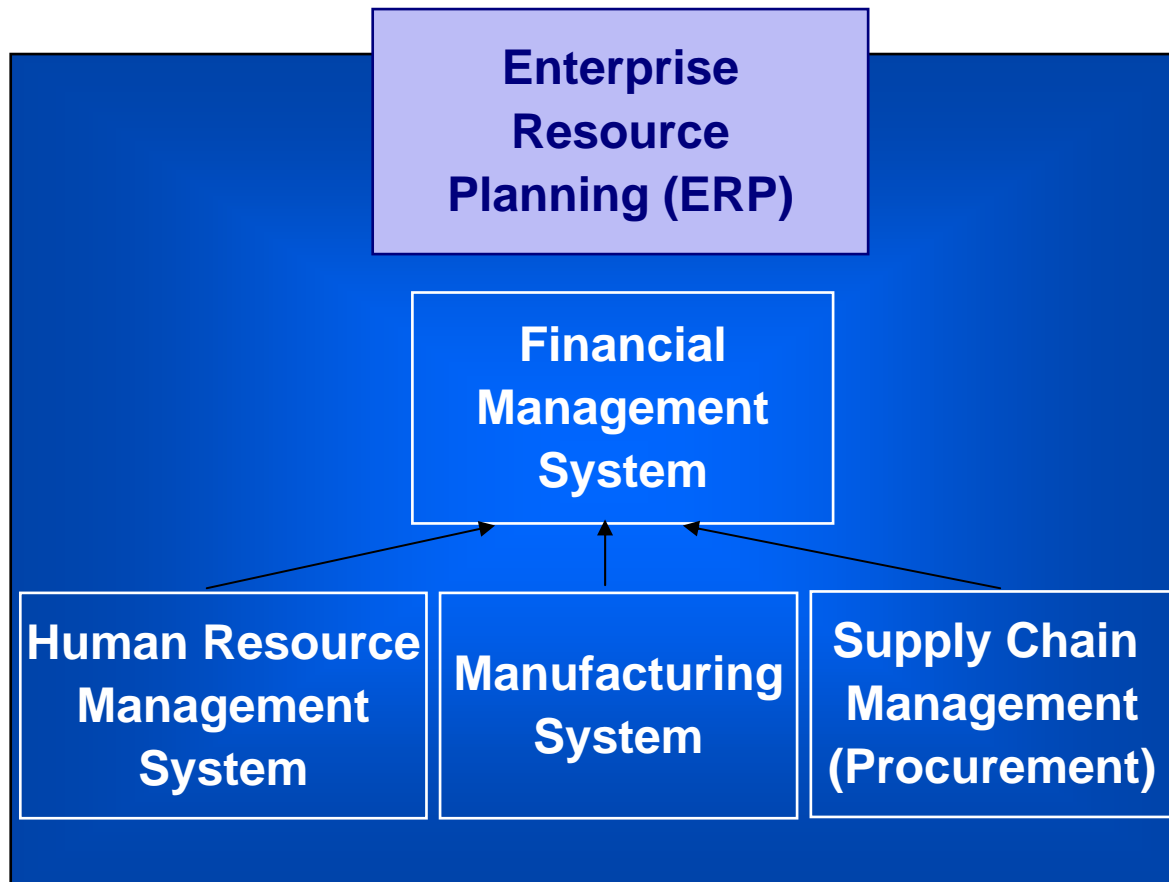
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# Financial Management System Landscape



Source: **Gartner**

# What is an ERP?



## An ERP provides:

- An integrated, enterprise-wide software suite
- A consistent view of key enterprise resource data (financial and non-financial)
- Embedded 'best practice' business processes
- A tool to enable ongoing strategic decision-making

## Private Sector vs. Public Sector

### In Industry:

1. Focus on Manufacturing / Distribution
2. Transaction focus on Supply Chain and Customer Relationship
3. End-to-end integrated system
4. ROI justification

### Technical Issues:

- Infrastructure
- Large-scale integration
- Support sourcing

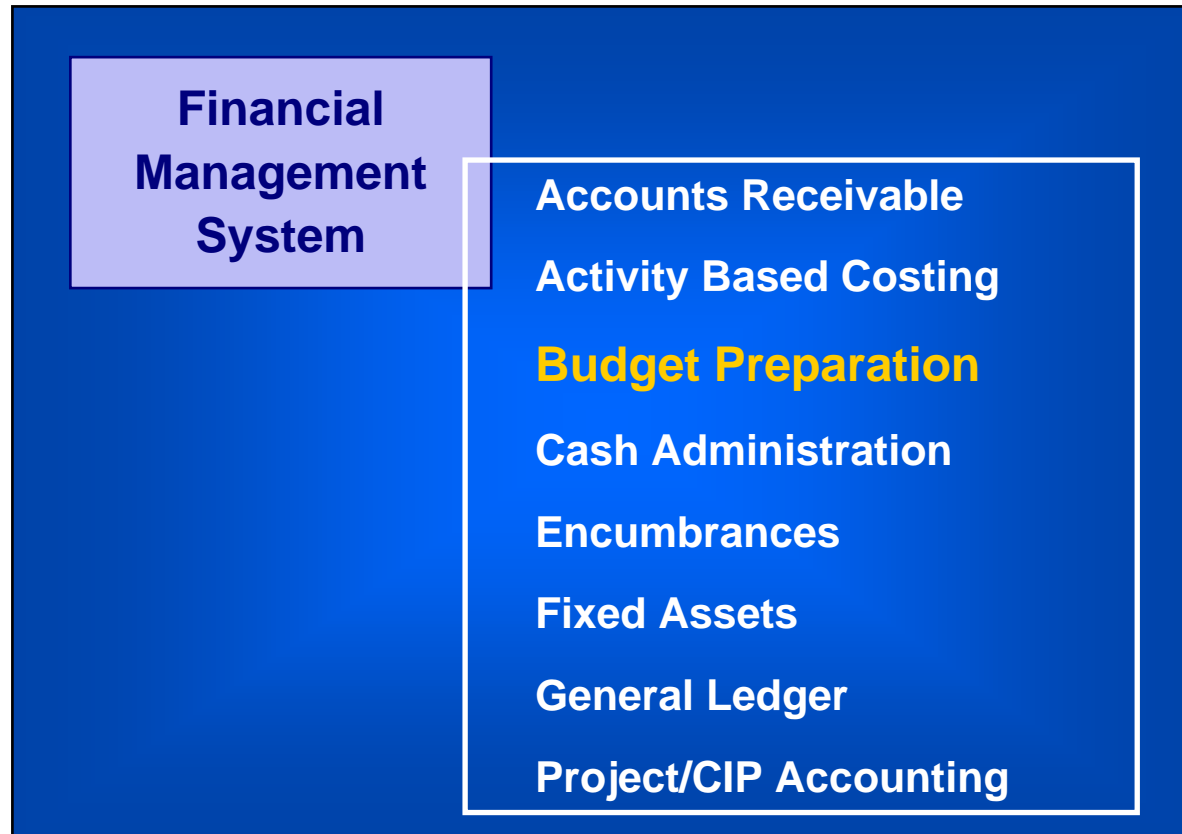
### Business Issues:

- BPR
- Cost
- Support Resource

### In Government:

1. Focus on financial management
2. Transaction focus on Services
3. Mandated system interfaces
4. Risk mitigation justification

# Financial Management System Components



# Human Resource Management System Components

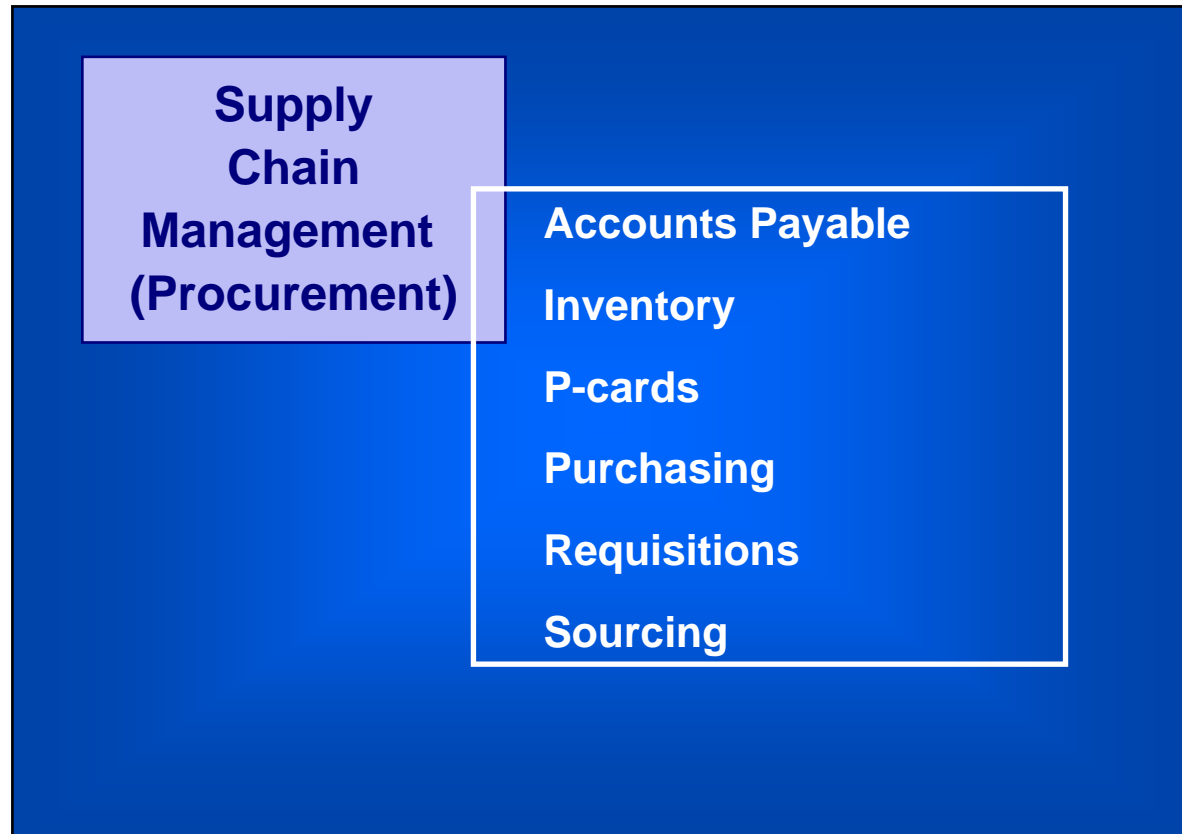
## Human Resource Management System

**21st Century Project**



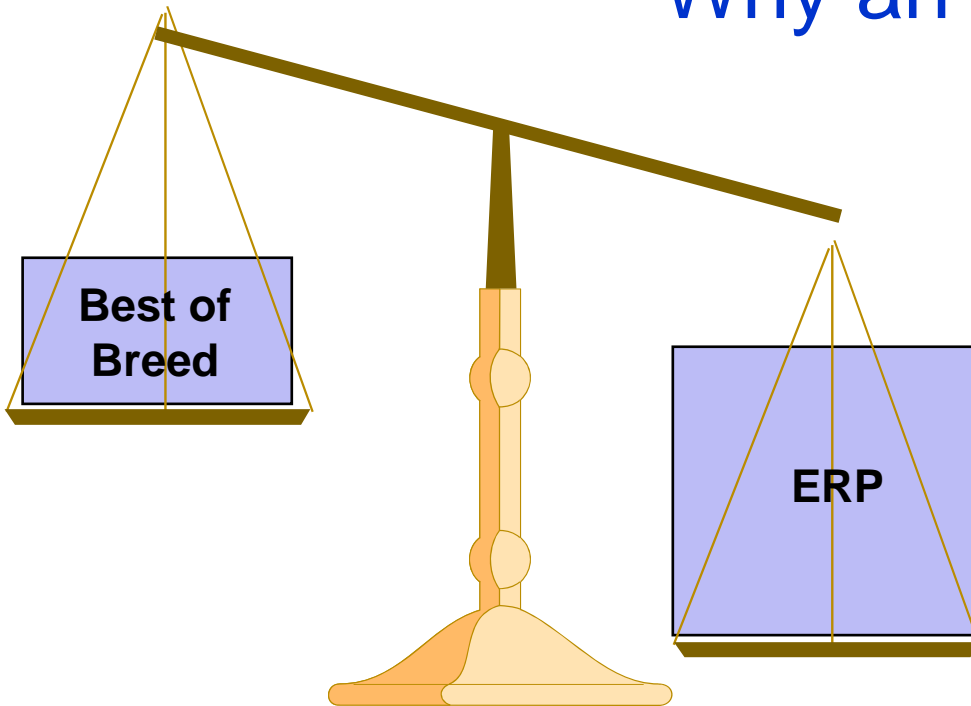
- Payroll
- Employment
- Position Management
- Employee Self-Service
- Manager Self-Service
- Management Reporting
- Benefit Administrations
- Timekeeping
- Leave Accounting

# Supply Chain Management (Procurement) Components





# Why an ERP?



*In the current economic climate, lower cost drives enterprises to an ERP strategy*

## Drivers

- Operational Efficiency
- Transparency
- Lower Risk
- Business Process Relationship
- Greater Integration
- Better Quality & Consistency of Information
- IT Simplicity

## Inhibitors

- Vendor Dependency
- Market Consolidation
- Functional Shortcomings
- Lack of Proven ROI
- Departmental Autonomy

# People and Change

## Won't Change



### Traits

- Not bought in
- Threatened
- Pride in Ownership
- Experienced Previous Failures

### What can be done

- Communication
- Active Engagement
- Responsible for Change
- Incentive
- Decisive Leadership
- Biggest Critic to Biggest Advocate

## Can't Change



### Traits

- Lacking Skills
- Lacking Understanding
- Would Rather Quit

### What can be done

- Communication
- Engagement
- Training
- Career Counseling

## What Change?



### Traits

- Ambivalent
- Follower

### What can be done

- Communication
- Engagement
- Exposure
- Training/Education
- Support

# What it means to you...

## New Systems

- Different screens
- Different terminology
- Different data to enter
- Different Reports

## New Processes

- Different info coming from different places
- Different approval paths
- Reduced steps in a process

## New Responsibilities

- Potential for delegated authorities
- Automated approvals
- Different people entering data



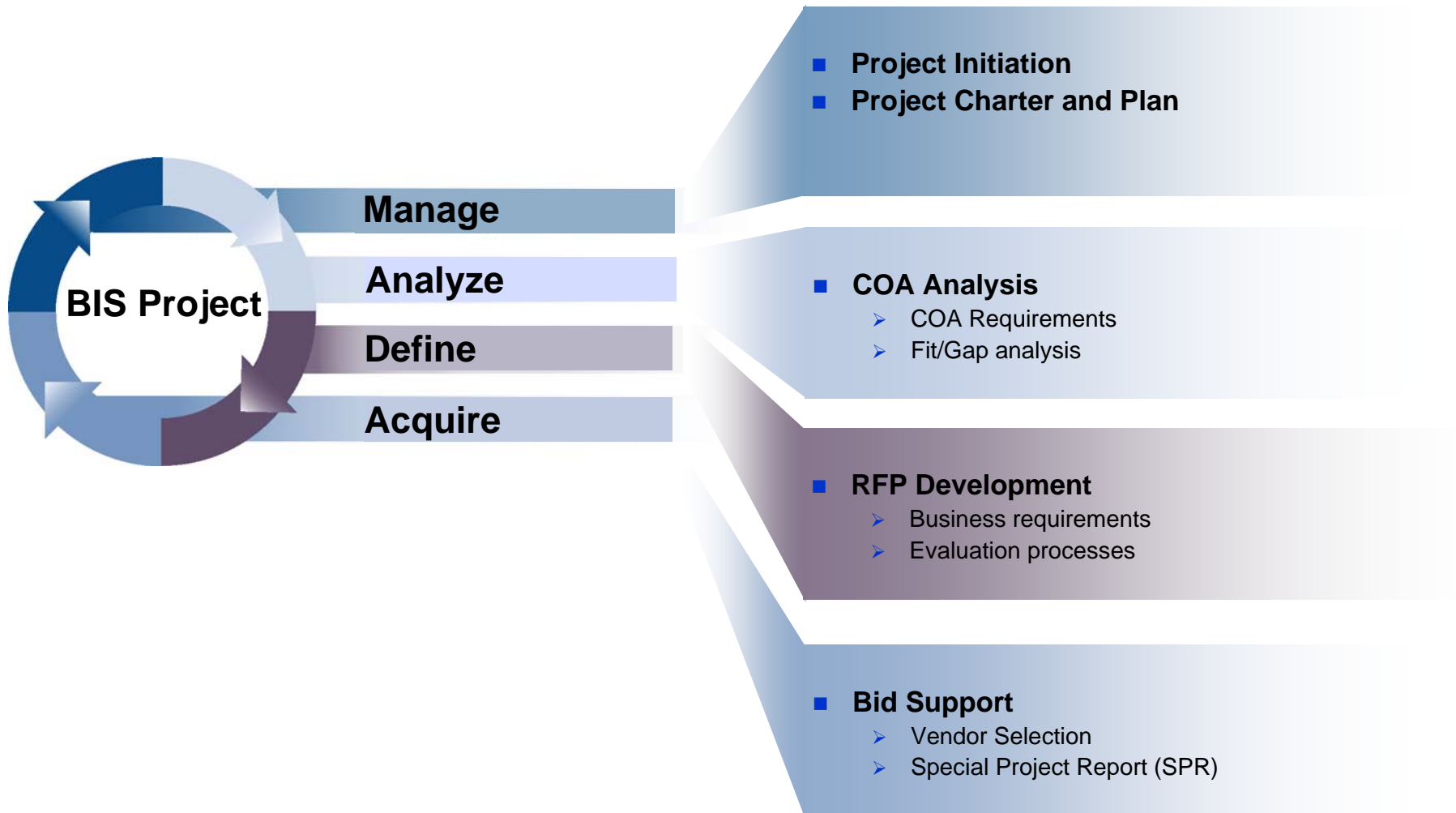
# Chart of Accounts and Acquisition Component

Michele Blanc, Informatix Team

## The What and Why of the COA-Acquisition Component

- BIS is a collaborative statewide effort resulting in a new system to significantly improve California's budget development and administration processes.
- The first steps result in the COA strategy for the state:
  - Chart of accounts is the foundation for any financial system implementation
  - Departments have identified shortcomings with the current COA
- Subsequent steps result in procurements to support the goals of BIS.

# Overview



## Questions to Consider...

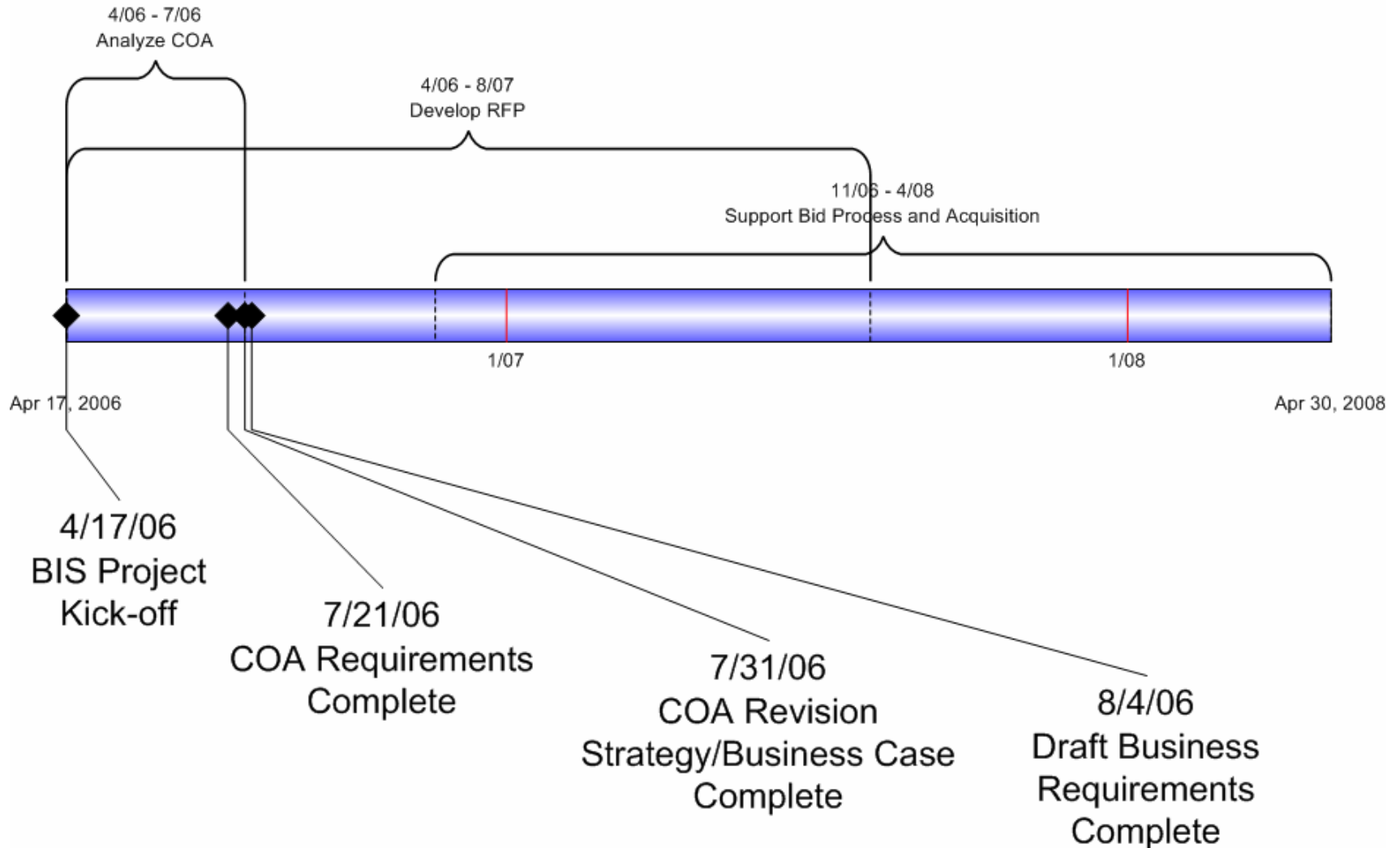
- Does the UCM meet your needs?
- What would you add?
  - More detail?
  - Department-specific data?
- What needs to be in place to make these additions?
  - Standard terms/definitions?
  - Well-defined parameters?
  - Understanding of impacts/trade-offs?
- How would changes impact BIS requirements...

## Key Activities

- Spring/Summer 2006 - Analyze Chart of Accounts (COA)
  - Identify gaps
  - Document requirements
  - Develop future transition strategy
- Summer/Fall 2006 - Develop RFP
  - Functional/technical requirements
  - Bid process
  - Evaluation methodology
- Winter 2006 through Spring 2008 - Support bid process and acquisition



# Project Schedule and Milestones



# COA Analysis

- Review the Current COA and Identify Existing Gaps
  - Reviewing Existing Data (e.g., UCM, BSDU Surveys)
  - Conduct Workshops/Interviews/Surveys
- Document the COA Requirements for the BIS Implementation
  - Develop COA Requirement Database for RFP
  - Identify enterprise-wide solution impacts/requirements
- Conduct Analysis and Prepare Reports to Support Findings
  - Analyze impact to statewide and departmental business processes, such as financial reporting
  - Develop transition strategy to future COA deployment

# RFP Development

- Document requirements
  - Conduct business (functional and technology) requirements workshops
  - Incorporate COA requirements
- Develop RFP and supporting documents
  - Incorporate business requirements
  - Develop administrative requirements
  - Develop and document evaluation strategy
- Review and Finalize RFP and Supporting Documents
- Support Bid Process

## Near-Term Activities

- **BIS Team Research**
  - CA Uniform Codes Manual (UCM) versus “typical” enterprise system chart of accounts
  - Reporting requirements (e.g., GAAP, CAFR and Federal)
  - Management needs (e.g., budget preparation and control)
- **Departmental Workshops and Surveys**
  - COA Usage: fit versus gaps
  - Reporting Needs: financial, project/grant, statutory and other
  - Supporting Systems: CALSTARS and departmental



# Participants Roles

## COA Roles and Activities

- Responding to surveys
- Participating in interviews
- Attending COA workshops and related sessions, such as:
  - Budget preparation
  - Financial reporting
  - Project/Grant (Federal) reporting
  - Other Statutory Reporting
  - Other Management Requirements
- Reviewing key summaries from data gathering activities (interviews, workshops, surveys)

# Business Requirements Roles and Activities

- Attending requirement workshops, such as:
  - General Budget (e.g., planning, development, forecasting and reporting)
  - General Ledger (e.g., Chart of Accounts, budget control and journal entry)
  - Some Asset Management, Bank and Reconciliation, and Cost Accounting
  - Technology requirements (e.g., technical, implementation and development, post-implementation)
- Reviewing key summaries from data gathering activities

# Participant Profile

- Representatives from:
  - Budget and Accounting Offices
  - Departmental human resources and procurement staff
  - Control Agencies
- Staff with the following skill sets:
  - Knowledge in current budgeting and accounting practices
  - Knowledge in human resources and procurement
  - Organization and knowledge of current budget and accounting business processes
  - Skilled in developing innovative strategies
  - Strong communicator
  - Enjoy working at a statewide level



# Workshops – What to expect

- Prior to the Workshop:
  - Be prepared to represent your department in the development of requirements
- During the Workshop:
  - Share your ideas and communicate your department's needs and concerns
  - Work toward synergistic development of ideas
- After the Workshop:
  - Share the workshop results with your organization
  - Promote and support the resulting initiatives
  - Complete action items as requested

## Workshops – Time Commitment

- Over 25 workshops are anticipated for both COA analysis and business requirements
- An individual can expect to participate in:
  - 4-8 sessions over the next 3 months
  - Estimated duration
    - COA: 2-4 hours each
    - Business Requirements: ½ to full day each
  - Additional time for survey/review feedback

# COA Workshop Subject Areas

	Budget Preparation and Control	Financial Reporting	Project/Grant (Federal) Reporting	Other Statutory Reporting	Other Management Requirements
Control Agencies	Initial Follow-up	Initial Follow-up			
CALSTARS Departments			Initial Follow-up	Initial Follow-up	Initial Follow-up
Non-CALSTARS Departments			Initial Follow-up	Initial Follow-up	Initial Follow-up

# COA Workshop Schedule

4/24/2006 - 5/27/2006						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>April 23</b>	24	25	26	27	28	29
		9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM			
30	<b>May 1</b>	2	3	4	5	6
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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Location: Department of Finance, 915 L Street in the Redwood Room

# Your Participation is Vital

- Provides feedback related to:
  - COA gap, fit, usage and requirements
  - Business requirements
  - Departmental needs
- Ensures departmental needs are reflected in:
  - COA strategy
  - Solution requirements
  - Procurement
- Today's afternoon session will discuss your participation in greater detail
  - Looking forward to seeing you there



# Project Communication Processes

Kristin Shelton, Principal Analyst  
Department of Finance

# Project Communication Processes

- Project Website
  - Launched in October 2005
  - <http://www.dof.ca.gov>
  - Click on “Budget Information System” in the left navigation
  - Currently being expanded
- BIS Bulletins – Issued periodically to share and request key project information
- BIS Distribution List
- BIS e-Mail Address
  - [BIS@dof.ca.gov](mailto:BIS@dof.ca.gov)
- Periodic statewide meetings for stakeholders

## Wrap-up

- Immediate Questions?
- Follow-up Questions
  - Response Card
  - BIS Mailbox: [BIS@dof.ca.gov](mailto:BIS@dof.ca.gov)
- Thank you – See You This Afternoon
  - EDD Auditorium
  - 1:30 PM